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1. In early July 1949, Mashal (the Marathi word for "torch"), formerly a weekly in Bombay, became a daily newspaper. It is a Marathi language paper and repeats the same Communist line that appears throughout the world. It is not known how the news items are collected or where they are prepared prior to appearance.
2. There is no similar English language Communist vehicle now appearing daily in Bombay.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. The masthead of Mashal reveals that it is edited, printed, and published by the Karunodaya Litho Press, Bombay. It is a four page paper. The first issue announced that it was the official organ of the Bombay Communist Party.

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